DECLARATION OF JEAN H. CHA RE: OSC RE DISMISSAL FOR DECEMBER 17, 2018



called upon to do so.

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- 2. In October, 2018, the parties engaged in mediation with Judge Richard E. Stone (Ret). Judge Stone proposed a complicated resolution to the lawsuit that involved the selling defendants buying the home back from Plaintiff, with all of the defendants paying additional money as part of the settlement.
- 3. The transaction to settle this lawsuit is complicated and it took a while to negotiate the details. In addition to a cash payment to Plaintiff, the settlement involves certain of the defendants buying back the home that was sold to Plaintiff. The escrow for the repurchase of the home is set to close on March 1, 2019. However, if the escrow does not close, the settlement is cancelled, the parties will return to the status quo before the settlement, and return to Court to request a trial date.
- 4. On November 29, 2018, the Court held a Post-Mediation Status Conference to discuss the status of the settlement. I appeared at the status conference via CourtCall.
- 5. During the November 29, 2018 Status Conference, Counsel informed the Court that the settlement documents were signed by several of the parties, and that the attorney representing the parties (Alisa Sandoval, Esq., who was not in Court that day for the Status Conference) that had not yet signed the settlement documents had represented to the parties that her clients would soon be signing the documents. Based upon counsel's representations, the Court set an OSC re Dismissal for December 17, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 17. The Court ordered Plaintiff to give notice.
- 6. On December 13, 2018, I learned from Plaintiff's counsel, Ronald A. Hartmann, that an OSC took place on December 7, 2018, and no parties appeared because no party had notice, and the defendants were dismissed on that day without prejudice. It appears that a court system administrative or clerical error was made and the OSC was inadvertently set for December 7, 2018, rather than December 17, 2018 as the Court indicated during the November 29, 2018 Status Conference.

	7.	It is important that the matter be returned to the active calendar because the
set	tlement in	volves a buy back of the Plaintiff's home that was the subject of this lawsuit. The
esc	row is set	to close on March 1, 2019. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, the entire
set	lement is	contingent upon the buy back of the home and escrow closing on March 1, 2019.
If th	ne escrow	does not close, then the settlement is cancelled and the parties will return back to
Cou	irt for a tri	al date.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 13th day of December, 2018, at Los Angeles, California.

Dated: December 13, 2018

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